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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

S U P E R S E D I N G
I N D I C T M E N T

- against -

Cr. No. 05-0016(S-4)(TCP)
(T. 18, U.S.C., §§ 3,
922(g)(1), 924(a)(2),
924(c)(1)(A)(ii),
924(c)(1)(A)(iii),
1512(a)(1)(C),
1512(a)(3)(B), 1951(a),
2 and 3551 et seq.)

LARONE GRAHAM, also known as
"Abgod Graham,"
JAMEL THOMPSON, also known as
"Mel" and "Boy Boy,"
QURAN HOLLIS,
KAREEM DAVIS, also known as
"Tony Ellis" and "K.I.,"
KORY TURNER,
WYNETTE BELL, also known as
"Wynette Haynes,"
NAQUON ARMSTEAD, also known as
"N.A.,"
SHARIF OWENS,
SEAN HIGHTOWER, also known as
"Hop,"
MISHAEL BENYEHUDAH,
DARRYL S. SINGLETON, also known as
"D,"
VENCENT HARRISTON, also known as
"Vinnie,"
MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as
"Mis,"
EARL HARRISTON, also known as
"Snake,"
WHETSEL WADE, also known as
"Wet,"
CARL POLLARD, also known as
"Blue,"
CHRISTHIAN GARARZA,
JAMES GANT, also known as
"Rooster,"
DARNELL FOSKEY, also known as
"D," and
FRANK MOREA, also known as
"Fat Frank,"

Defendants.

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

INTRODUCTION TO ALL COUNTS

At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, unless otherwise stated:

1. On or about and between August 1, 2003 and January 20, 2005, three groups based within or near the Louis H. Pink Houses public housing complex in the East New York section of Brooklyn, New York (collectively, the "Pink Houses Crew") joined forces to commit a series of robberies throughout New York City, New York, Nassau County, New York and Westchester County, New York.

2. The first group consisted of individuals who were associated, by residence or otherwise, with the Louis H. Pink Houses and who were loyal to defendants LARONE GRAHAM, also known as "Abgod Graham," and KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I." (collectively "Abgod's Crew"). Abgod's Crew included, but was not limited to, defendants QURAN HOLLIS, KORY TURNER, WYNETTE BELL, also known as "Wynette Haynes," NAQUON ARMSTEAD, also known as "N.A.," SHARIF OWENS, SEAN HIGHTOWER, also known as "Hop," MISHAEL BENYEHUDAH, DARRYL S. SINGLETON, also known as "D," WHETSEL WADE, also known as "Wet," and JAMES GANT, also known as "Rooster."

3. The second group consisted primarily of members of the "Neutral For Life" crew, otherwise known as "Niggas For Life" or "NFL" (collectively "NFL"), which was a violent street

gang led by the defendant MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis." NFL included, but was not limited to, defendants MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," JAMEL THOMPSON, also known as "Mel" and "Boy Boy," VENCENT HARRISTON, also known as "Vinnie," and EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake." NFL was based near the intersection of Crescent Street and Belmont Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, which was a few blocks from the Pink Houses.

4. The third group was comprised primarily of members of the "Pretty Boy Crew" ("PBC"), which was a violent street gang led by the defendant CARL POLLARD, also known as "Blue." PBC included, but was not limited to, defendants CARL POLLARD, also known as "Blue," CHRISTHIAN GARARZA and DARNELL FOSKEY, also known as "D." PBC was based near the intersection of Pine Street and Belmont Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, which was a few blocks from the Pink Houses.

5. The Pink Houses Crew committed, among other things, armed robberies of retail jewelry stores throughout New York City, New York and Nassau County, New York. Members of the Pink Houses Crew also were responsible for the robbery of a Rite Aid Store in Queens, New York, the armed robbery of a clothing store in Manhattan, New York, the armed robbery of a telephone card salesman in Westchester County, New York, the attempted robbery of a drug dealer in Brooklyn, New York, and the attempted armed robbery of an armored car in Brooklyn.

6. Members of the Pink Houses Crew also engaged in acts of violence, including but not limited to shootings and pistol-whippings, during the armed robberies and the attempted execution of John Doe, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, on or about December 25, 2004, on a service road for the Van Wyck Expressway in Queens, New York. John Doe was shot through the back of the head and left on the service road.

7. Prior to committing the armed robberies of the retail jewelry stores, members of the Pink Houses Crew typically conducted surveillance and identified jewelry stores as targets. The members then returned to Brooklyn, New York and recruited participants for the robberies. After a suitable number of recruits were identified, the group traveled by automobile to the targeted jewelry stores where crew members sometimes entered the stores posing as customers. Soon thereafter, crew members armed with pistols entered the stores and forced employees and customers to lie on the ground. When members of Abgod's Crew participated in an armed robbery, they typically bound the wrists of the employees and customers with plastic ties. After the employees and customers were subdued, the members of the crew entered the stores and selectively emptied display cases of expensive jewelry. Oftentimes, crew members located and took security video tapes from the jewelry stores. Several of the robberies involved crew members striking victims on the head and face with pistols, causing injury. In addition, members of the

robbery crew occasionally stole pistols from security officers. Crew members sold jewelry taken from the jewelry stores at, among other places, pawnshops in Brooklyn, New York, including but not limited to a pawn shop operated by FRANK MOREA, also known as "Fat Frank."

COUNTS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN
(Conspiracies to Commit Robberies
of Specific Jewelry Stores)

8. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

9. On or about the dates set forth below, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants set forth below, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by the robbery of jewelry and other goods from the retail jewelry stores set forth below:

COUNT	DATE	DEFENDANTS	RETAIL JEWELRY STORE
1	November 4, 2003	KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," KORY TURNER and DARRYL S. SINGLETON, also known as "D"	Papandrew Jewelers 11 Sunrise Plaza Valley Stream, New York

COUNT	DATE	DEFENDANTS	RETAIL JEWELRY STORE
2	December 3, 2003	KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," KORY TURNER and DARRYL S. SINGLETON, also known as "D"	Diamond Oro 3516 Broadway New York, New York
3	December 17, 2003	JAMEL THOMPSON, also known as "Mel" and "Boy Boy," QURAN HOLLIS, KORY TURNER and MISHAEL BENYEHUDAH	Tudor Jewelers 800 Elmont Road Elmont, New York
4	January 11, 2004	KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," and SEAN HIGHTOWER, also known as "Hop"	Battery Park Jewelers 2090 Rockaway Parkway Brooklyn, New York
5	January 12, 2004	SEAN HIGHTOWER, also known as "Hop"	A.J. Jewelers 985 Seneca Avenue Queens, New York

COUNT	DATE	DEFENDANTS	RETAIL JEWELRY STORE
6	January 12, 2004	KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," WYNETTE BELL, also known as "Wynette Haynes," NAQUON ARMSTEAD, also known as "N.A.," SHARIF OWENS, SEAN HIGHTOWER, also known as "Hop," DARRYL S. SINGLETON, also known as "D," WHETSEL WADE, also known as "Wet," and CARL POLLARD, also known as "Blue"	Concord Jewelers 3 North Park Avenue Rockville Centre, New York
7	May 8, 2004	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," and EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake"	Gold City Jewelers 992 Southern Boulevard Bronx, New York
8	May 19, 2004	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," and EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake"	Big Jake's Jewelers 386 East Fordham Road Bronx, New York
9	October 8, 2004	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake," and CARL POLLARD, also known as "Blue"	Jason's Jewelers 527 Sixth Avenue New York, New York

COUNT	DATE	DEFENDANTS	RETAIL JEWELRY STORE
10	January 9, 2005	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake," CHRISTHIAN GARARZA and DARNELL FOSKEY, also known as "D"	Scott's Jewelers 1222 Kings Highway Brooklyn, New York
11	January 11, 2005	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake," and DARNELL FOSKEY, also known as "D"	King's Jewelry 2861 Third Avenue Bronx, New York

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWELVE

(Telephone Card Salesman Robbery Conspiracy)

10. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

11. On or about August 11, 2003, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," and CARL POLLARD, also known as "Blue," together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by the robbery of

international telephone cards from a telephone card salesman in Tuckahoe, New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT THIRTEEN

(Rite Aid Store Robbery Conspiracy)

12. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

13. On or about and between June 16, 2003 and August 9, 2003, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by the robbery of merchandise from a Rite Aid Store at 78-14 Linden Boulevard, Queens, New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FOURTEEN

(Cellini Uomo Clothing Store Robbery Conspiracy)

14. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

15. On or about November 12, 2003, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants LARONE GRAHAM,

also known as "Abgod Graham," KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," KORY TURNER, DARRYL S. SINGLETON, also known as "D," WHETSEL WADE, also known as "Wet," and JAMES GANT, also known as "Rooster," together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by the robbery of fur coats from the Cellini Uomo clothing store at 59 Orchard Street, New York, New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FIFTEEN

(Wholesale Cigarette Delivery Man Robbery)

16. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

17. On or about December 17, 2003, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant KORY TURNER, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by the robbery of United States currency from a wholesale cigarette delivery man in the vicinity of 1342 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SIXTEEN
(Jewelry Saleswoman Robbery)

18. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

19. On or about December 18, 2003, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant JAMEL THOMPSON, also known as "Mel" and "Boy Boy," together with others, did knowingly and intentionally obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by the robbery of jewelry from a jewelry saleswoman in Brooklyn, New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SEVENTEEN
(International Jeweler Robbery Conspiracy)

20. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

21. On or about and between September 16, 2004 and October 21, 2004, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant LARONE GRAHAM, also known as "Abgod Graham," together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by the robbery of \$250,000 worth of jewelry from a

jeweler who was transporting the jewelry from Israel to Queens County, New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT EIGHTEEN
(Drug Dealer Robbery Conspiracy)

22. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

23. On or about October 20, 2004, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants WHETSEL WADE, also known as "Wet," and JAMES GANT, also known as "Rooster," together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by the robbery of proceeds of the sales of controlled substances from a drug dealer.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT NINETEEN
(Obstruction of Justice Attempted Murder)

24. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

25. On or about December 25, 2004, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," and EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake,"

together with others, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to kill another person, to wit: John Doe, with intent to prevent the communication by such person to a law enforcement officer of information relating to the commission and possible commission of Federal offenses, to wit: the robberies of retail jewelry stores throughout New York City, New York and Nassau County, New York in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a).

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512(a)(1)(C), 1512(a)(3)(B), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWENTY

(Accessory After the Fact: Fencing of Jewelry By Pawnbroker)

26. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

27. On or about and between August 1, 2003 and January 20, 2005, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant FRANK MOREA, also known as "Fat Frank," knowing that offenses against the United States had been committed, to wit: the crimes charged in Counts One through Eleven, knowingly and intentionally assisted the offenders in order to hinder and prevent their apprehension, trial and punishment, by purchasing jewelry as a pawnbroker without recording the purchases as required by New York General Business Law Section 43.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNTS TWENTY-ONE THROUGH THIRTY-SIX
(Brandishing Firearms During Crimes of Violence)

28. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

29. On or about the dates set forth below, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants listed below did knowingly and intentionally use and carry the firearms listed below during and in relation to the crimes of violence listed below, and did knowingly and intentionally possess those firearms in furtherance of the crimes of violence, which firearms were brandished:

COUNT	DATE	DEFENDANTS	CRIME OF VIOLENCE	FIREARM
21	August 11, 2003	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," and CARL POLLARD, also known as "Blue"	The crime charged in Count 12	semi-automatic pistol
22	November 4, 2003	KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," KORY TURNER and DARRYL S. SINGLETON, also known as "D"	The crime charged in Count 1	9mm semi-automatic pistol

COUNT	DATE	DEFENDANTS	CRIME OF VIOLENCE	FIREARM
23	November 12, 2003	LARONE GRAHAM, also known as "Abgod Graham," KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," KORY TURNER, DARRYL S. SINGLETON, also known as "D," WHETSEL WADE, also known as "Wet," and JAMES GANT, also known as "Rooster"	The crime charged in Count 14	semi-automatic pistol
24	December 3, 2003	KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," KORY TURNER and DARRYL S. SINGLETON, also known as "D"	The crime charged in Count 2	semi-automatic pistol
25	December 17, 2003	KORY TURNER	The crime charged in Count 15	Smith & Wesson 9mm semi-automatic pistol
26	December 17, 2003	JAMEL THOMPSON, also known as "Mel" and "Boy Boy," QURAN HOLLIS, KORY TURNER and MISHAEL BENYEHUDAH	The crime charged in Count 3	Smith & Wesson 9mm semi-automatic pistol

COUNT	DATE	DEFENDANTS	CRIME OF VIOLENCE	FIREARM
27	December 18, 2003	JAMEL THOMPSON, also known as "Mel" and "Boy Boy"	The crime charged in Count 16	pistol
28	January 11, 2004	KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," and SEAN HIGHTOWER, also known as "Hop"	The crime charged in Count 4	semi-automatic pistol
29	January 12, 2004	SEAN HIGHTOWER, also known as "Hop"	The crime charged in Count 5	.38 caliber revolver
30	January 12, 2004	KAREEM DAVIS, also known as "Tony Ellis" and "K.I.," WYNETTE BELL, also known as "Wynette Haynes," NAQUON ARMSTEAD, also known as "N.A.," SHARIF OWENS, SEAN HIGHTOWER, also known as "Hop," DARRYL S. SINGLETON, also known as "D," WHETSEL WADE, also known as "Wet," and CARL POLLARD, also known as "Blue"	The crime charged in Count 6	9mm semi-automatic pistol

COUNT	DATE	DEFENDANTS	CRIME OF VIOLENCE	FIREARM
31	May 8, 2004	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," and EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake"	The crime charged in Count 7	semi-automatic pistol
32	May 19, 2004	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," and EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake"	The crime charged in Count 8	semi-automatic pistol
33	October 8, 2004	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake," and CARL POLLARD, also known as "Blue"	The crime charged in Count 9	semi-automatic pistol
34	October 20, 2004	WHETSEL WADE, also known as "Wet," and JAMES GANT, also known as "Rooster"	The crime charged in Count 18	9mm semi-automatic pistol

COUNT	DATE	DEFENDANTS	CRIME OF VIOLENCE	FIREARM
35	January 9, 2005	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake," CHRISTHIAN GARARZA and DARNELL FOSKEY, also known as "D"	The crime charged in Count 10	semi-automatic pistol
36	January 11, 2005	MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake," and DARNELL FOSKEY, also known as "D"	The crime charged in Count 11	semi-automatic pistol

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections
924(c)(1)(A)(ii), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT THIRTY-SEVEN
(Discharging Firearm During Crime of Violence)

30. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

31. On or about December 25, 2004, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants MICHAEL HARRISTON, also known as "Mis," and EARL HARRISTON, also known as "Snake," did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, to wit: the crime charged in

Count Nineteen, and did knowingly and intentionally possess a firearm in furtherance of said crime of violence, which firearm was discharged.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(iii), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

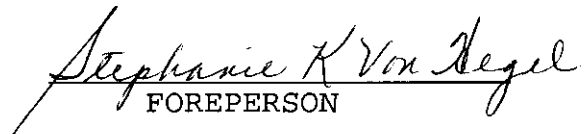
COUNT THIRTY-EIGHT
(Felon-in-Possession of a Firearm)

32. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

33. On or about January 20, 2005, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant VENCENT HARRISTON, also known as "Vinnie," having been convicted in a court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, did knowingly and intentionally possess in and affecting commerce a firearm, to wit: a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic pistol.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2) and 3551 et seq.)

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The Grand Jury of 02-24-04 handed up

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The Grand Jury thereupon

✓ returned for further deliberation.

 having completed its business, was dismissed with the
thanks of the Court.

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Clerk of the Court

Deputy Clerk